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Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—"Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether he will take this House into his confidence before the Government arrive at any decision as to the steps or action to be taken on the Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture by means of resolutions before the House?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Every attempt will be made to secure the confidence of this House."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"What is the personnel of the Committee?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Departmental heads connected with Agriculture and four non-officials."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Who are the non-officials?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The names are not yet settled."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Will they select some people from this House?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The matter is yet under consideration."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member may take an opportunity to suggest his own name by other means, not by means of a supplementary question."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether there was any advisory committee previously?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"There is a standing advisory committee of the Council."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"How many times did it meet last year?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"There was no meeting at all."

Co-operative Societies

Appointment of Subramania Pillai and two others in the Co-operative Department.

* 1199 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1316 answered on 23rd January 1928—

(*a*) the qualifications, age of Subramania Pillai, Ramanatha Pillai and Jesudas Gnaniar, the districts to which they belong, the dates of their first appointments in the Co-operative department, the posts to which they were appointed, and by whom they were appointed ;

(*b*) the subsequent appointments held by each of the above three persons with particulars as to the places they were posted, their pay in their subsequent posts, and the dates of their subsequent appointments ;

(*c*) the travelling charges incurred by Government on account of their joining their appointments subsequent to the first ; and

(*d*) whether, in case these three persons were originally appointed to mufassal centres and subsequently posted to the City of Madras, these appointments were approved of by the Staff Selection Board?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement[a] furnishing the information is appended.
(*d*) No; not necessary.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Referring to the Appendix, page 513, I find that two of the three people appointed changed their posts within about a month. I want to know why they were shifted so soon after their first appointment and taken to Madras? Is it to enable these favoured men to secure appointments in Madras to which they would have been not qualified ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Establishment of co-operative societies for Muslims in Salem and other districts.

* 1200 *Q*.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to question No. 648 answered on 26th November 1928 whether the Government have since received the report stated to have been called for in the answer to clauses (*a*) to (*d*) of that question ?

A.—A statement[b] furnishing the information is appended.

Action taken on the Townshend Committee Report.

* 1201 *Q*.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to clauses (*f*) and (*g*) of question No. 648 answered on 26th November 1928, whether the Government have since finished the consideration of the Townshend Committee Report and have come to any decision thereon and whether a copy of their decisions will be placed on the Council table ?

A.—The report is still under the consideration of Government.

Reduction of the rate of interest on loans to land mortgage banks.

* 1202 *Q*.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : With reference to the answer to the supplementary question to my question No. 693 answered on 27th November 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of reducing the rate of interest on their loans to land mortgage banks and building societies; and

(*b*) what decision they have come to regarding the matter ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question is under consideration of the Government at present.

Fisheries

Closure of the Uppala Fish-curing yard in South Kanara district.

* 1203 *Q*.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered the closure of Uppala Fish-curing yard in South Kanara district;

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 513 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix II on page 514 infra.